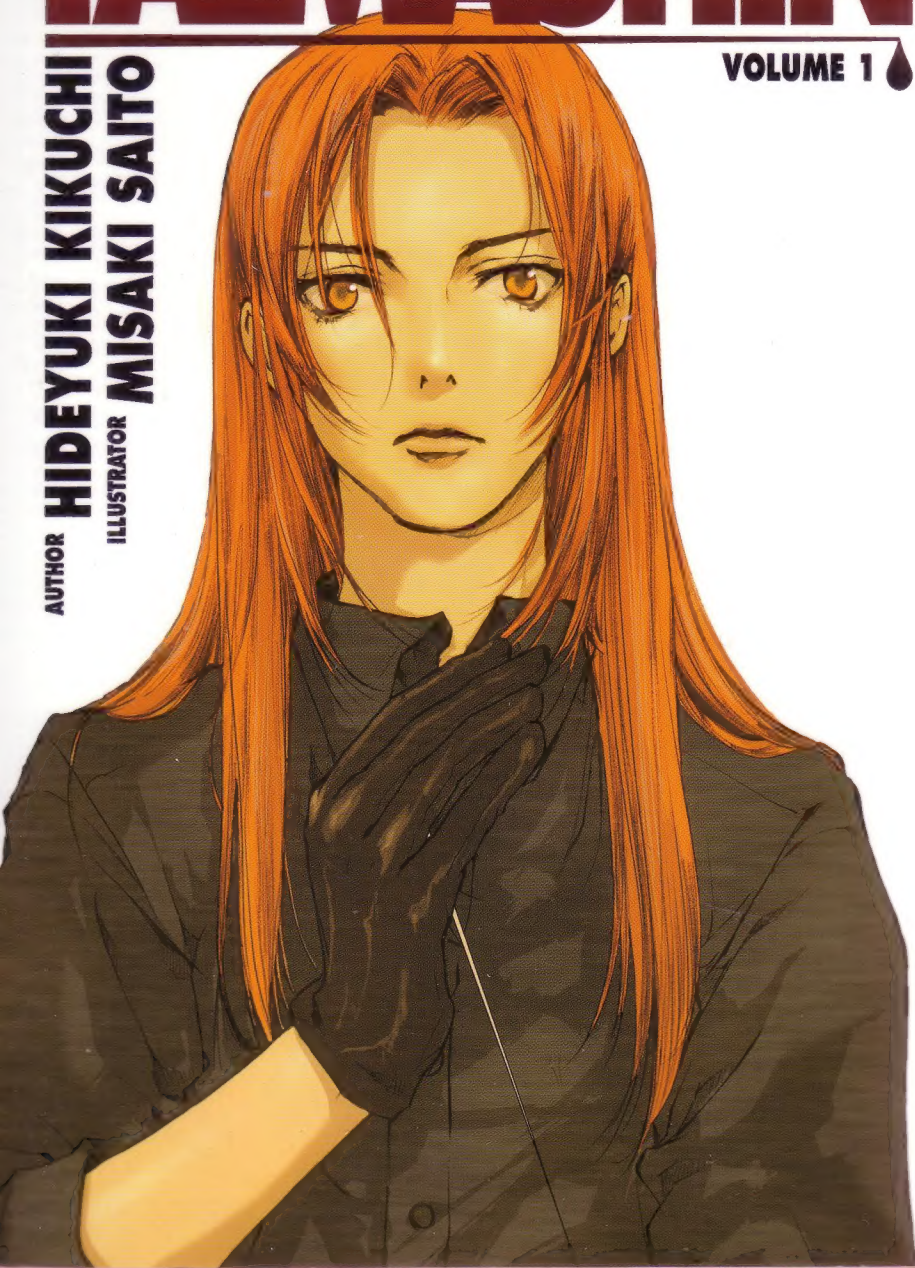


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CHAPTER 1







PLEASE
HELP!

THOSE
MEN ARE
AFTER ME!



thump
thump
thump
thump



YOU
SHUT
UP!

LET
GO!

grasp



DON'T GET
IN OUR
WAY, PAL.





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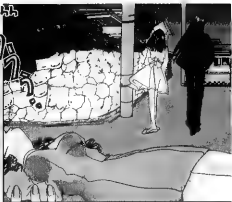
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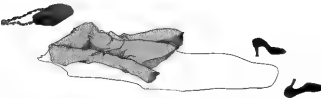
THAT WAS
ONE VITAL
POINT



GOOD
WORK.

WE
SHOULD
HURRY.

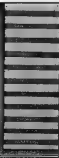






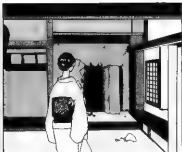
THANK
YOU FOR
COMING.

I'M HIS
WIFE, MIYA
FUTAO.











IS IN
THE POND
OUTSIDE,
IN YOUR
GARDEN.



YOUR
HUSBAND?



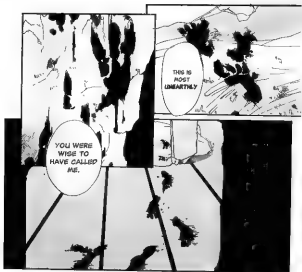
WHAT?
T!



BUT
HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
THAT?

UH...







YOU
MEAN...
IN THE
WATER?

YES.



OVER
THERE



MONDO,
FETCH
THE BOAT
IMMEDI-
ATELY!



HE WENT
UNDER ONE
MINUTE
AGO

BEFORE
THAT...



?!

swing



BEFORE
THAT,
WHAT
WAS HE
DOING?





MY
HUSBAND
MADE
THAT
FISH.

FOR
CONSUMP-
TION?

YES.



YOUR HUSBAND IS
KNOWN THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD FOR HIS
DISSENTING
SCIENTIFIC
VIEWS.

I SUPPOSE IT
SHOULD COME AS
NO SURPRISE HE'D
CREATE SUCH A
CREATURE.



MY
HUSBAND IS
POSSESSED
BY A DEMON.

THAT
IS
WHY...



I HAVE
REQUESTED
YOUR SERVICES.

THERE IS ONLY
ONE PERSON IN
THIS WORLD
WHOSE NEEDLES
CAN REPEL EYE
SPIRITS.



THOUGH
I AM NOT
ACCUSTOMED
TO SUCH
METHODS

DOCTOR,
WHAT
WILL WE
DO?

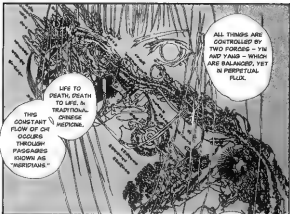
ACTUALLY,
THERE ARE
THREE.

THE BOAT
IS READY,
MADAM.



HE'S BEEN
UNDER FOR
7 MINUTES.





ALL THINGS ARE
CONTROLLED BY
TWO FORCES - YIN
AND YANG - WHICH
ARE BALANCED, YET
IN PERPETUAL
FLUX.

LIFE TO
DEATH, DEATH
TO LIFE. &
TRADITIONAL
CHINESE
MEDICINE.

THIS
CONSTANT
FLOW OF CHI
OCCURS
THROUGH
PASSAGES
KNOWN AS
"MERIDIANS."

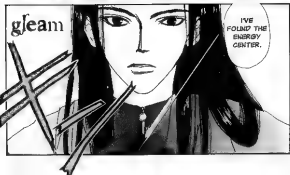


IN HIS
PRACTICE OF
ACUPUNCTURE,
DOCTOR TASMA
REFERS TO THE
MOTIONS OF CHI
AS "PULSES."

THEN
WHAT
PULSE IS
HE GOING
TO EXAMINE
NOW?



THE
WATERS







BWSSH







MY NAME
IS TAIMA.



AND THIS
IS MAN
TOGETSU, MY
ASSISTANT

WE HAVE BEEN
CALLED UPON TO
TREAT YOU.

OH?

雷 YUKISAMA SCANS 雷

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CHAPTER 2





OH?

WE HAVE BEEN
CALLED UPON
TO TREAT
YOU.



TREATMENT
FROM THE
DANDY AND HIS
DAME. EH?



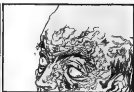
SORRY,
BUT THERE'S
NOTHING
WRONG
WITH ME.

GET
LOST.

TREATING
CONDITIONS
WITH NO
SUBJECTIVE
SYMPTOMS IS A
PARTICULAR
STRENGTH OF
MINE.



I SUPPOSE
MIYA
CALLED
YOU.







HOW HAVE
YOU BEEN
FEELING?

OH,
QUITE
WELL.



shudder

shudder

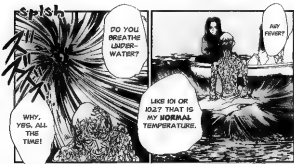


I
COULD
JUST
ABOUT EAT
ANYTHING.

I'VE
BEEN
DYING
ON THESE
FISH.



HOW'S
YOUR
APPETITE?

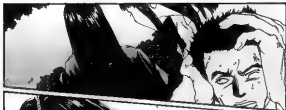




swipe



YEEARGH!







THE NEEDLE
HOLDING THE
WATER'S
FLICE WAS
KNOCKED
LOOSE...

WHAT'S
GOING
OUT!



HELLO- BE
BACK
VERY
SOON



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO
MASTER
FUTIO?

AND IT
COLLIDED
WITH THE
ONE STUCK
IN FUTIO'S
HAND!



shpwh

SHPWAH

IF YOU WANT
TO TREAT ME,
THEN DO IT
UNDERWATER!

BEFORE I
DEVOUR
YOU!



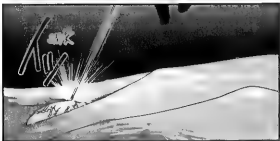


I TOOK
MORE THAN
ONE PULSE
EARLIER,
YOU SEE



NOW THEN, A
PATIENT WHO
HAS NO FAITH IN
HIS DOCTOR MAY
BE IN NEED OF
MORE PRAGMATIC
TREATMENT.











RIGHT
NOW.

MY ASSISTANT
IS APPLYING
NEEDLES OF
SHIHO.



HE SHOULD BE
ALL RIGHT FOR
2 OR 3 DAYS.



HOWEVER,
HIS BODY IS
STILL BEING
TARGETED BY
A DEVIL.

YOU COULD
SAY YOUR
HUSBAND'S
CHARACTER
IS SOMEHOW
INVITING.



CHAPTER 3









DOCTOR!
WHAT IS
THIS?



THE "ARRAY
OF 10,000
MINDS."







IN TRUTH,
THERE ARE
BUT FOUR,
AND FOUR
ALONE.



THE
POWER
WHICH
MAKES
THEM
VISIBLE
TO YOUR
EYES...

SERVED TO
REVEAL THE
MOVEMENT
OF EVIL
CREATURES



AND THE
OTHERS
ARE...
ILLUSIONIST



CORRECT



IF ALL FOUR
WERE TO
FALL OUT.

THEN
YOUR
HUSBAND...

GIVING THE
DEMON AN
ADVANTAGE

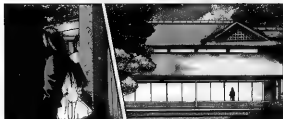


BUT IF ONE OF
THE FOUR NEEDLES
WERE TO COME
LOOSE, ONE
QUARTER OF THE
LUSORY NEEDLES
WOULD VANISH...



Miss
smile

WELL... MISS
TOGETSU WILL
BE HERE, SHOULD
SOMETHING LIKE
THAT HAPPEN.











WELL, IT
GOES
WITHOUT
SAYING!

LATELY
THERE HAVE
BEEN SOME
REALLY
STRANGE
GONDS-ON
IN THE
PREFECTURE.



WHAT
BUSINESS
DO YOU
HAVE
HERE?

AH.



WORST-
CASE SCENARIO
WOULD BE SOME
MONSTER IS AT
WORK HERE

PET DOGS AND
CATS GOING
MISSING OR
FOUND HALF-
DEVoured .

KIDS KILLING
THEM EATING
THEIR
PARENTS...



SO I HOPPED
ON THE TRAIN
AND CAME HERE
TO DO MY OWN
INVESTIGATION.

YEP.





YOU
HAVEN'T
ANSWERED
MY
QUESTION

JUST A
NATURAL
CASANOVA,
AREN'T YAT

OKAY,
YOU
GOT
ME



HEH



AN
OTHERWORLDLY
LOVER BOY AND
HIS GORGEOUS
NURSE
ASSISTANT.

I JUST
HAPPENED
TO SEE YOU
TWO WHILE
I WAS
SHOOPING
AROUND.



WELL

IT'S NO
BIGGIE.



ANSWER
MY
QUESTION.

WHAT ARE
THEY DOING
AT SUCH A
STATELY
MANSION?

AND WHO
ARE THEY?





YOU'VE BEEN
FOLLOWED?



BECAUSE
IT
SEEMS...



Flash



WHOA!





THE
ADDRESS
IS,
SHIBUYA
WARD,
JINGUJAE.



PLEASE
GIVE MY
REGARDS
TO MY
MOM.



SHIT!
WATCH
OUT!!



SHALL I
SHOOT
IT?

NO,
LET HIM
HANDLE
IT.



special









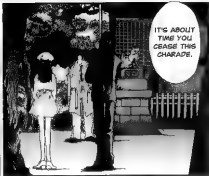


WHAT
WAS HIS
PROBLEM?

EH,
HEH
HEH...



HMT?



IT'S ABOUT
TIME YOU
CEASE THIS
CHARADE.



THE OLD MAN
IS BETTER OFF
AS HE IS NOW.



OR
MAYBE IT
WAS THE
ANTI-
PERSON
KENDO
TECH-
NIQUE...

"DIVINE
DEATH-
BRINGER"



HA
HA HA,
YEAH..
I'M A 5TH
DAN.

COULD THAT
HAVE BEEN
A KODOKAN
JUJO THROW?

flush



twitch

tch

CHAPTER 4



CHAPTER 4



I NEVER THOUGHT
I'D MEET YOU IN A
PLACE LIKE THIS.

YES, YOU ARE ONE
OF ONLY THREE
JAPANESE WHO
POSSESS THE
POWER TO REPEL
ALL OF DEMONHOOD.

YOU ARE
DR. TAINA-
A NEEDLE
MASTER!





WHY
WERE YOU GOING TO
THAT HOUSE?



A TIDBIT
CONCERNING
ONE OF THE
HEIRS OF BIG
BUSINESS.
JUNKI
FUJIO...

I GOT A LEAD
WHILE I WAS
SEARCHING
AROUND FOR
CLUES.



I HEARD HE HAD
AN INTEREST IN
CREATING ALL
SORTS OF
ABOMINATIONS...

FUNNY
THE
RUMOR WASN'T
MORE
WIDE-
SPREAD



HEY.

WHAT
WAS
THAT
THING?

YOU'D KNOW
BETTER
THAN I
WOULD.



THE KAZAHAYA
FAMILY IS THE
BACKBONE OF THE
NIGHTHUNTER
COUNCIL, A UNION OF
GHOST HUNTERS THAT
WAS FOUNDED
AROUND THE SAME
TIME AS THE GEMMA
GENJI CLAN.

AFTER
ALL,









IF YOU
WANT
TO BE
FAMOUS...



SO
WHAT'S
THE
SCOOP?

TELL
ME!



GOOD-
BYE.

THEN YOU
SHOULD TRY
TAKING THAT
OLD MAN'S
REMAINS TO THE
CORONER'S
OFFICE.



tweak
my
my

WHAT
THE-?



Chop Chop Chop
Chop Chop Chop











What kind of
creature has
possessed my
husband?

The creature
is not of this
dimension





Spirits of men and mountains are not the only beings who can possess humans and drive them mad.

The so-called



What?



People tend to interpret "possession" as a spiritual power held only by some incorporeal beings.

But if the being in question is of another plane, the possession might be nothing more than an ordinary physical phenomenon, albeit trans-dimensional.



These are
all physical
phenomena
that

lying
down or
standing
up

For
example

moving
your legs
to take a
walk



No.

Does it mean
my husband was
conducting
experiments
but somehow
ended with
the dimensions?

But
wait!



No, it's
experimental
never we'll
beyond the
modification
of living
organisms.





can
cause slight
breaches in the
wall that divides
our dimension
from others

Occasionally
certain
conditions



The
result was
his trans-
figuration
from the
inside, out



Fanatical zeal
in the minds of
humans can be
one result

In your
husband's
case,

overstimulation
of the dopamine
channels in his brain
was to an extent great
enough to create a
channel between his
body and another
dimension







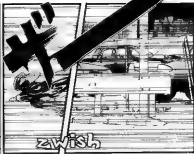


OH, MR.
FULTON...





AHH...



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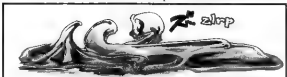




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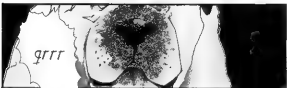
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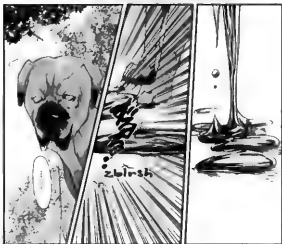


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CHAPTER 5







THE
NEEDLES
THAT
REPEL
EVIL.



OH.

DEAR
ME.

I FEEL
DIZZY.



ALLOW
ME TO
RETURN
THEM



EVEN AFTER
90 YEARS,
I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D ACTUALLY
SEE THEM.

WELL,
NOW...

THEY SOAK
UP THE CHI
OF THEIR
ENVIRONS.

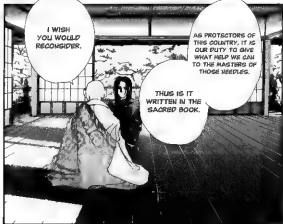


THINK
NOTHING
OF IT!



I SCARCELY
KNOW
YOU, AND
ALREADY
I'VE BEEN
A GREAT
BURDEN.

PLEASE,
FORGIVE
ME.



I WISH
YOU WOULD
RECONSIDER.

AS PROTECTORS OF
THIS COUNTRY, IT IS
OUR DUTY TO GIVE
WHAT HELP WE CAN
TO THE MASTERS OF
THOSE NEEDLES.

THIS IS IT
WRITTEN IN THE
SACRED BOOK.





I THOUGHT
ASTROLOGERS
MAY HAVE
TOLD YOU
THE LOCATION.







THE UNDERLYING
MEANING IS
ALLEGATION OF
HUMAN SUFFERING
BY DISPELLING
WORRY AND
FRUSTRATION



THE LEFT HAND
OF THIS GREAT
BUDDHA SHOWS
THE "JITLU"
MUDRA.



AND THE
RIGHT
HAND'S
MUDRA IS
"YOGAN."



WITH THIS
BUDDHA, THE
INDEX FINGER
OF THE RIGHT
HAND IS
POINTING
TOWARDS...?



HOWEVER...



I SEE.

HW...



WILL YOU
STOP THE
MISUSE OF
THESE DEVILS
FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION

AT LEAST
ALLOW ME TO
OFFER MY
PRAYERS FOR
YOU IN YOUR
MISSION.

HASTER
TAMAL.



smile

INDEED.

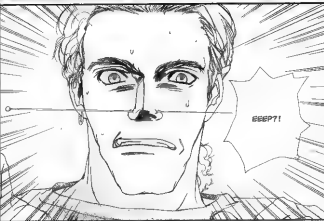
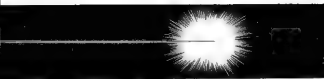
I AM
GRATEFUL
FOR YOUR
HELP.



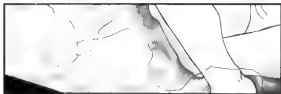




















ふしhhh

slither

しるりしるりしるり

THE CREATURE'S
TRUE FORM
SHOULD NOT BE
ABLE TO CROSS
OVER FROM THE
OTHER SIDE!

IT
CAN'T
BE!

psst

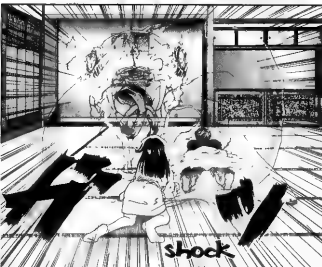
DOES
THIS
MEAN...

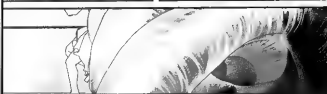
THE
CREATURES
HAVE SOME
OTHER
CHANNEL?!

!!

スwoosh













Actually,
Doctor...



WHAT'S
THE
MATTER?



WELL,
NOW WE'RE
CERTAIN IT IS
WITHIN THE
RESIDENCE.

So what
should
we do
now?

You mean
someone is
possessed?



YES.
SOMEONE OR
SOMETHING.

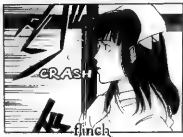
APPLY THE
NEEDLES TO
EVERYONE
FOR NOW.

Under-
stood.

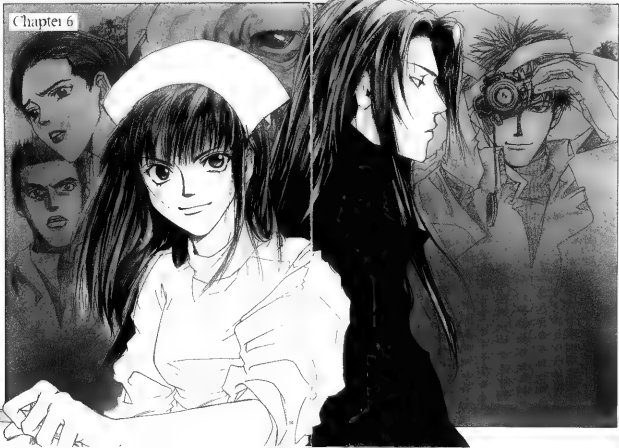




CHAPTER 6



Chapter 6













NOW, WHERE
DID YOU
SNEAK IN
FROM?

HEH, NOT LIKE
YOU COULD
ANSWER ME.



SO I
GUESS
I WON'T
HAVE TO
WORRY...

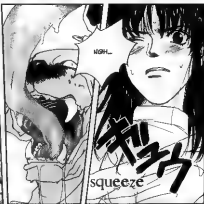
ABOUT
KEEPING
YOU ALIVE.

SNEET
/krr/

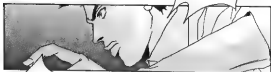




















THIS
HAPPENS
TO BE MY
SPECIALTY



UNFORTUNATELY
FOR YOU.



BUT
I'VE GOT
ORDERS
TO TAKE
YOU ALIVE.

IT'D BE GLAD
TO PUT AN
END TO YOU
RIGHT NOW.



THOUGH,
YOU
KNOW...



WITH THAT
TONGUE OF
YOURS.

YOU'RE NOT
TOO BAD
AT ALL...













HE WAS
HEADING
TOWARDS
WILBUR
WHATELEY'S
TOO.



YEAH,
SOME CHINESE
GUY WAS
HERE JUST
A COUPLE
HOURS
AGO.

HM?
WHERE
WAS
HE
GOING?



JUST
TELL
'EM
I SENT
YA.

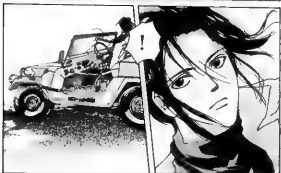
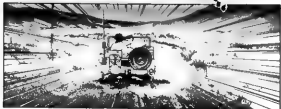


PRETTY
BOY



THAT CAN BE A
DANGEROUS SPOT.
SO TAKE CARE
HOW THE PEOPLE
OUT THERE ARE
A ROWDY AND
SUPERSTITIOUS
BUNCH.

IF THEY
GIVE YOU
ANY SORTA
TROUBLE...







THE
"OTHER
GUY'S"
CAR?



OH...













NOW WHAT
ON EARTH
WOULD TWO
JAPANESE
BE DOING
HERE AT
THIS
HOUR?!

I WOULD
HAVE
EXPECTED
A WARMER
GREETING
FROM A
FELLOW
JAPANESE



AND
WHAT'S THE
DEAL WITH
IGNORING ME,
EVEN AFTER I
DELIBERATELY
MADE SOME
NOISE?

I DON'T
REALLY THINK
I'M UP TO ANY
GOOD RIGHT
NOW,

SO
I GUESS
THE
GAME
MUST GO
FOR
YOU!



FINE
WITH
ME.

OKAY,
THEN!



AH,
I GIVE
UP!

THERE'S
NO POINT
IN SITTING
HERE,
BEATING
AROUND
THE BUSH.

LET'S
JUST
HAVE
A NICE,
HONEST
CHAT.



CHAPTER 7

















CAME
WITH
YOU
RIGHT?

SOMETHING'S
POSSSESSED
ONE OF MY
PATIENTS, AND
I SUSPECTED
ITS TRUE FORM
IS HIDDEN
AROUND
HERE.



BER-
ETTAT
SO YOU
KNOW
YOUR
GUNS,
THEN.

DON'T
TELL ME YOU
BOUGHT YOURS
WITHOUT
KNOWING?
GEEZ,
AMATEURS
ARE
SCARY!



YES.

THEN AS
MY REWARD,
WHY DON'T YOU
LOWER THAT
BERETTAT?



WELL,
THAT'S THE
MASTER OF
TAINA FOR YAI
GOT HIS HEAD
SCREWED
ON RIGHT.
UNLIKE THE
REST OF US!

LEASE.
RIGHT?

ACTUALLY,
I TOOK
A LEASE
ON IT.
A DOLLAR
PER
DAY.







MY PATIENT
WAS THE
SON OF SOME
COMPANY
PRESIDENT.

YEAH...



I USED MY
NEEDLES ON
THE GUY,
BUT...

I MADE
A HOUSE
CALL AT
THEIR
MANSION
4 DAYS
AGO.

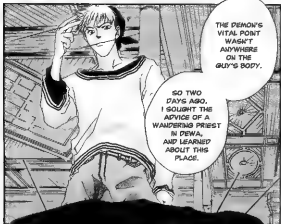


are
his
veins?

Where
the
heck

Huh?

Alan



THE DEMON'S
VITAL POINT
WASN'T
ANYWHERE
ON THE
GUY'S BODY.

SO TWO
DAYS AGO,
I SOUGHT THE
ADVICE OF A
WANDERING PRIEST
IN DEWA,
AND LEARNED
ABOUT THIS
PLACE.



THERE ARE
NO DISTINCT
FIGURES
HERE,
AFTER
ALL.

HONESTLY,
I WAS
SURPRISED
WHEN I FOUND
OUT THE
SOURCE
WAS HERE.

NEVER
WOULD
HAVE
GUESSED.



NO

LET'S JUST
GO OUR
SEPARATE
WAYS.

YOU
GET IT,
RIGHT?

WE'RE
AFTER THE
SAME THING.
SO WE
SHOULD
HELP EACH
OTHER
OUT



DID YOU
FIND
ANYTHING
UPSTAIRS?



GROUP
WORK
IS SO
FUNNABLE

YOU
DON'T
HAVE
MANY
FRIENDS.
DO YOU?



OWWWW!
FINE, SO
HOW THE
SECRETS
ALL TO
YOURSELF,
THEN!



JUST ITS
PRESENCE.

HOPE.



JUST 3
MINUTES
WOULD BE
ENOUGH TO
CAUSE BRAIN
DAMAGE.

A NORMAL
PERSON
WOULDN'T
LAST FOR
3 MINUTES.

YOU CAN
STILL FEEL
IT, EVEN
AFTER 70
YEARS.



NOTHING
THERE
EITHER

AND
BELOW?



I CLIMBED
THIS
PLACE
THROUGHLIGHT

I GOT
HERE TWO
HOURS
BEFORE
YOU.

HEY!
I'M NOT
LYING!



IF THIS
PLACE ISN'T
THE ORIGINAL
TEAR BUT
JUST
ANOTHER
PACKAGE

SO
THIS
ISN'T
THE
ORIGINAL?

THEN
THIS IS
DEFINITELY
SOMETHING
BIGGER
THAN I
EXPECTED



YOU'RE
RIGHT

IT'S
NOT
JUST
JAPAN'S
PROBLEM

IF WE
DON'T DO
SOMETHING,
AMERICA,
ENGLAND,
AND FRANCE
WILL ALSO
BE INVADED



PLACES LIKE
INDIA AND
TIBET, WHICH
HAVE STRONG
SPIRITUAL
DEFENSES
SHOULD
BE OKAY

ON THE
OTHER HAND
COUNTRIES
THAT DON'T
HAVE SUCH
RICH HISTORY
OF RELIGIOUS
CULTURE



NAH, THAT
CAN'T BE.
BOTH OF US
CAME HERE
THINKING
IT WAS.



IF THIS
ISN'T
THE
ORIGIN...



WELL?

WHERE
IS THEIR
WEAK
POINT?



I REALLY
DOUBT THAT
DUMMICH OF
ALL PLACES
WOULDN'T HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO WITH
ALL THIS.



V9
FWIP-



FLASH

FLASH

I SEE...

BUT I'D
BETTER
TAKE
THESE
OFF.

WHO
THE HECK
ARE YOU?!

WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING
HERE?!

FLASH



DOING
PRELIMINARY
RESEARCH
FOR A
SHOW.

WE'RE
THE CREW
FROM
TV CHINA,
AND
WE'RE...

IF YOU
DON'T
BELIEVE
US,
JUST ASK
SHERIFF
JOB.



HUH?



AND
WHAT'S
THE
PISTOL
FOR?!

HUH?



THIS?
IT'S
JUST A
MODEL.



YEAH
RIGHT.

I CAN'T
SEE NO
TV CREW
COMING
HERE
AT THIS
HOUR!

YOU
DON'T
LOOK LIKE
NO TV
GUYS
EITHER!





HEY,
THAT'S
RIGHT

MAGIC
?

I REMEMBER
READING
ABOUT SOME
STRANGE
THING THAT
HAPPENED
HERE IN THIS
HOUSE.

AND
ABOUT
PEOPLE
WHO
WANTED
TO
RESURRECT
IT.

DAMN
RIGHT

HAND
'EM
OVER
SLOWLY.

HEY,
LEHME
SEE THE
GUN AND
GOOGLES.

WE
GOTTA
WATCH
OUT
FOR YOU
BASTARDS.





WELL
NOW.



WHATTA
WE GOT
HERE?

RIGHT
VIBES
GOING ON

I SAW
THEM IN
ONE OF MY
GRANDSON'S
CATALOGS.

WITH JUST
STARLIGHT,
YOU CAN
SEE THINGS
AS EASILY
AS IN THE
DAYTIME.



WHAT
THE-?!
HEY, THIS
BENETTA'S
REAL!

THAT'D
BE
PRETTY
USEFUL!

I WOULDN'T
EXPECT
TO SEE A
TV CREW
WITH
THESE



I KNEW
THEY
WEREN'T
NO TV
CREW!





TIME
TO TAKE
OUT THE
TRASH,
BOYS!

IF THEY
CUMMON
MM.

IT'LL BE
THE END
OF THE
WORLD!

THESE
TWO LOOK
LIKE THOSE
OTHER
RELIGIOUS
FANATICS!



IT'S
OUR
DUTY!!

HOLD
ON A
MINUTE.



LET ME
ASK YOU
SOMETHING
FIRST

THERE'S
AN OLD
LEGEND...
MAYBE
YOU GUYS
WILL KNOW.

YOS-
BOTNO TV

HAD A
MONSTER-
OUS SON.
AND HIS
VITAL
POINT...

IS THIS
PLACE,
WHERE
HE CAME
FROM,
RIGHT?



AT LEAST
TELL ME
THAT
NOW,

BEFORE
YOU
KILL
ME!





ABOUT HOW
WITH THE
STRONG ONES,
YOU'VE GOTTA
DESTROY
SOMETHING
THAT'S IN A
DIFFERENT
PLACE.

WEREN'T
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT IT
AT THE
BART?

MILES...
YOU
KNOW,
DON'T
YOU?



*Any
stuff
stuff*

SO
YOU
DO
KNOW,
SH?

OH.

WELL,
THEN.



MAYBE
YOU
SHOULD
TAKE US
TO THAT
PLACE!

I THINK
—







YOU
STUCK...



THERE ARE NO
MORE SHOTS!
THAT'S IT!



FOOLED
ME
AGAIN!!

WHAT
WAS THAT
ABOUT NO
BULLETS?!

ACTUALLY...
I'M SURPRISED,
MYSELF.



OKAY.



STAY
RIGHT
WHERE
YOU
ARE.



CHAPTER 8











HEY.



YOU
FREEZE,
TOO.



EXCUSE ME?
WHICH OF US
IS PLAYING
DIRTY?!

NOW
YOU'RE
PLAYING
DIRTY.



YOU HAVE
A POINT...
WE SHOULD
REMOVE
THOSE
NEEDLES.



YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO'S
TRICKING
EVERYONE
LEFT AND
RIGHT!



YOU CAN
DRAG THESE
GUYS OUT TO
THE JEEPS

I'LL TAKE
CARE OF THE
NEEDLES.



IN OTHER
WORDS, YOU
GOTTA KNOW
WHO YOU CAN
TRUST, SPOT!

SURVIVAL IS
A MATTER OF
TRUSTING
OTHERS.

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SHUT
THE
HELL
UP!



MY, WHAT
A FINE AND
VIRTUOUS
PERSON
YOU ARE.



VROOOM

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LM.
NO.



SOME-
THING
WROUGHT?



HM?



ISN'T
THAT...?

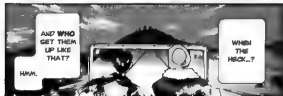


I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!

LAST NIGHT
WHEN WE WERE
MAKING OUR
ROUNDS, THOSE
STONES WERE
SCATTERED
ALL OVER.



THAT
STONE
CIRCLE...



AND WHO
GET THEM
UP LIKE
THAT?

HMM.

WHEN
THE
HECK...?



I'VE TAKEN
YOU FAR
ENOUGH,
RIGHT? I
AMN'T GOING
UP THERE!

LET
ME
OUT!!

WHOA,
NO
WAY!



IT LOOKS
LIKE THE
ROAD BOGS
STRAIGHT
TO THE
TOP

BAACHH

**YOU
SHOULD
BE MORE
SOCIAL**

ALL OF THIS IS
FROM 70 YEARS
AGO. FROM HIM.
THAT INVISIBLE
POWER SPREAD
EVERYWHERE.

LOOK!
LOOK
AT THE
GRASS!
AND THE
TREES!

WHATEVER
THEY ARE,
THEY GURE
AIN'T FROM
THIS PLANET!

**I'M NOT
PLANNING ON
DYING JUST
YET!**

THIS
WHOLE
PLACE
HAS BEEN
POLLUTED





IT'S BEEN
REASSEMBLED
FROM A PILE
OF RUBBLE.

THIS
PILLAR...

NOT EVEN A
SINGLE SHARD
OF ROCK IS
LEFT OUT!

WHAT
THE
HELL?



THIS IS THE PLACE
WHERE LAVINIA
WHATELEY WAS
IMPREGNATED BY
YOG-SOTHOTH.



THIS IS THE
HELL WHERE
THEIR MOTHER
CONCEIVED
THEM.



THE
OTHER
ONE...

WAS VAPORIZED
BY A MAGICAL
POWDER THAT
SOME UNIVERSITY
PROFESSORS HAD
CONCOCTED.

ONE WAS KILLED
BY A GUARD DOG
AFTER CRAWLING
INTO A UNIVERSITY
LIBRARY HE WAS
TRYING TO STEAL
A BOOK THAT
WOULD HELP HIM
SUMMON HIS
FATHER.

SHE
GAVE
BIRTH TO
TWIN.





THIS IS WHERE
THE PRESSURE IS...
THE PLACE WHERE
THE DEMONS
COME THROUGH
FROM THEIR
DIMENSION INTO
OUR WORLD.

SO THIS IS
THE PLACE,
AFTER ALL.



PEOPLE WHO
ARE EASY
TARGETS, LIKE
AN OLD MAN
NEAR DEATH,
WHO'S GONE
CRAZY, AND
WANTS TO
TRANSFORM
HIS BODY...

OR A MAD
SCIENTIST,
PERFORMING
OUTRAGEOUS
EXPERIMENTS...



GLENN...

SUMMONING
THOSE
CREATURES
WOULD REQUIRE
THE WILLPOWER OF
HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE LIKE THAT
BANCHING THEM
AIN'T GONNA BE
EASY.



SO...

THEY PASS
THROUGH THIS
INVISIBLE
CORRIDOR, AND
INVADE THE MINDS
AND BODIES OF
PEOPLE
ELSEWHERE.



HEY, CAN
YOU SEE
IT? THE
PASSAGE.
IT'S...

YEAH.







THAT'S THE
LIFE OF THE
ACUPUNCTURIST
FOR YAI



NOW
PRAGMATIC.

IF I DO IT
PROPERLY,
ALL SHOULD
BE WELL.

BUT IF I FAIL,
FINISHING THE
TASK WILL BE
UP TO YOU.







I'LL TRY TO
EXPLAIN SO
YOU CAN
UNDERSTAND

YOU HICKS
PROBABLY
WON'T GET
IT ANYWAY,
BUT LISTEN
UP.



THAT
ENERGY
FLOWS.
JUST LIKE
THE BLOOD
IN OUR
VEINS



EVERYTHING
IS ALIVE.

BEYOND BEING
"ALIVE," AS
WE KNOW IT,
ALL THINGS
HAVE A KIND
OF ENERGY
MOVING
THROUGH
THEM.



WE REFER
TO THIS
FLOW IN
TERMS OF
"MERIDIANS"
AND
"PULSES."





THAT'LL
BE THE
END OF
THEM.



SO
ANY-
HOW...

CUTTING
OFF THOSE
PASSAGES
MEANS CUTTING
OFF THE
MONSTERS'
SUPPLY OF
ENERGY



WELL, THAT'S
THE MASTER
OF THE
TAIMA
DISCIPLINE
FOR YOU HE
ALREADY
FOUND IT!

THE MIST IS
ENERGY FROM
THE AIR, A
MANIFESTATION
OF THE AIR'S
"PLACE."





HOW
COULD
THEY
HAVE
KNOWN?

IMPOSSIBLE!



BECAUSE YOG-
SOTHOTH EXISTS
SIMULTANEOUSLY
IN THE PAST,
PRESENT, AND
FUTURE.



PWAAN



THE MONSTERS
REASSEMBLED
THE STONE
CIRCLE ON
THEIR OWN.

AND THEY
KNOW WE
CAME HERE
TO CLOSE
THE
PASSAGE.

ONE CAN GENSE THE BEASTS BY THEIR FOUL STENCH ALONE.

WHAT'S THIS SMELL?

WHAT'S THIS SMELL?

HE'S HERE!



CHAPTER 9



THE OUTER GOD, YOG-SOTHOTH

YOG-SOTHOTH'S EXISTENCE TRANSCENDS SPACE-TIME. HE CAN APPEAR IN ANY PLACE AND ERA HE CHOOSES. YOG-SOTHOTH'S PHYSICAL APPEARANCE IS LIKE A MULTITUDE OF VARIOUS PURPLISH GLOBS. HE CAN PRODUCE OFFSPRING THROUGH SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITH FEMALES OF VARIOUS ORGANIC COMPOSITIONS.

"YOG-SOTHOTH KNOWS THE GATE. YOG-SOTHOTH IS THE GATE. YOG-SOTHOTH IS THE KEY AND GUARDIAN OF THE GATE. PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE—ALL ARE ONE IN YOG-SOTHOTH. HE KNOWS WHERE THE OLD ONES BROKE THROUGH OF OLD, AND WHERE THEY SHALL BREAK THROUGH AGAIN."

—FROM THE PLAINWICH HORROR,
BY H.P. LOVECRAFT

CHAPTER 9

THE CTHULHU MYTHOS BEGAN WITH A COLLECTION OF SHORT STORIES, BY WRITER, H.P. LOVECRAFT, A MASTER OF HORROR AND SCIENCE FICTION. MORE RECENTLY, BOTH FANS AND COLLEAGUES OF THE AUTHOR HAVE CREATED WORKS IN THE SAME UNIVERSE LOVECRAFT ESTABLISHED. THE MYTHOS DESCRIBES A RACE OF A RACE OF EVIL GOD-LIKE BEINGS, CALLED "THE GREAT OLD ONES," WHICH INHABITED EARTH LONG BEFORE MANKIND. AND, ACCORDING TO CERTAIN PROPHECIES, WILL RETURN AGAIN ONE DAY.





IS THAT
THING YOU-
GO THOTHY!



NO.
IT IS
NOT.







IT'S STILL
CONNECTED
TO THE
OTHER
SIDE.

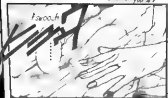
IF YOU
CLOSE THE
PASSAGE
NOW, IT
WILL BE
FORCED
BACK!



ALL
RIGHT.



HURRY!





AW,
YEAH!



GO GET
HIM!!

Not my problem!



YOU
DID...
HUH?

YEAH!!









WOOOO

THE
PULSE

IS NOW
WITHIN
YOU.

WHAT
THE HECK
DID I DO?

WHO! LOOK
OUT!!!



WAUGH!!!

ZWOORH

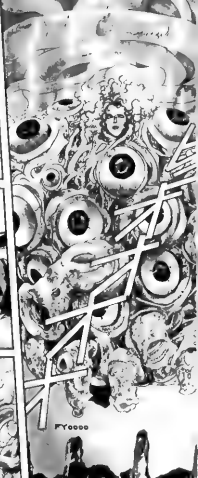




OKAY,
SO YOU
FOUND THE
PRESSURE
POINT.

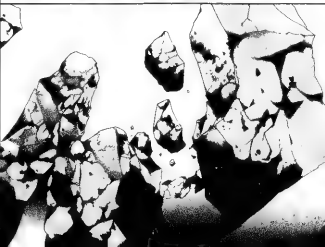


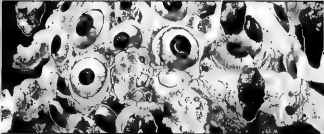
NOW
WHAT?



FT0000











BWAM





I COULD SEE
IT JUST
BEFORE THE
CRACK CLOSED
COMPLETELY.



THAT
AND ...



THE ONE
CONNECTING
TO JAPAN.

YEAH
WE
COULDN'T
GUT
ONE
PASSAGE.



SOME
PRESENTS
HE LEFT
BEHIND.

Pyooooo





WAAAUGH!



OLD
MAN
BEN,
HE'S...

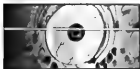


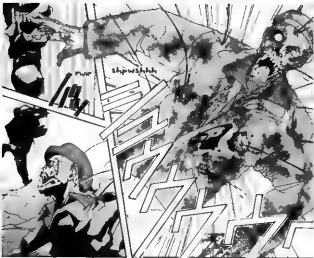
AND
PEA-
BODY...!











Arco

TV



JUST
NO
GOOD,
HUH?



MAYBE
I WAS
CLUNCY.

BUT STILL...
I USUALLY DO
TREATMENTS
WITH THOSE
BLOWING
NEEDLES.



R. Shrimp

It's
HORRIBLE!



CHAPTER 10





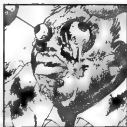
BUT THEY
CAN'T BE
VERY FAR
FROM HERE
EITHER.



ONE
NO
PROB-
LEM?



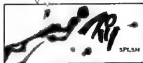
THE VITAL
POINTS
AREN'T ON
THEIR
BODIES...







THAT'S
DANGEROUS!



SPLASH

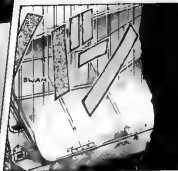


WHOA,
TAKE IT
EASY!



ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?!





FOUND IT.





WHGAAAH!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!



THE
CREATURES
THAT
POSSESS
THEM ARE
COMING
OUT.

WATCH
NOW



I SEE. SO
THE VITAL
POINT WAS
THE JEEP'S
ENGINE.
HUNT











YOU'RE
FROM
KANSAI,
RIGHT?

IS
THAT
IT FOR
NOW?



WOW...
THAT'S
AMAZING.



WE
COULDN'T
SEVER THE
PASSAGE
TO JAPAN
AFTER ALL.



SO IT
WOULD
SEEM.

THEN WE
CAN ONLY
WONDER
WHEN
THEY'LL
BE BACK.

GOODBYE!

UP UNTIL
NOW, YOU
COULDN'T SEE
A SINGLE
STAR FROM
THIS HILL.

YEP
YOU'RE
WELL-
GONE

YOU
FELLAS
SURE DID A
HELL OF A
JOB.





HEY,
PRETTY
BOY. HE
SAYS THEY
DON'T HAVE
THE MONEY.



YOU SAW
DUNN --
IT'S AS POOR A
TOWN AS ANY!
WHERE DO YOU
THINK WE COULD
COME UP WITH
THAT KINDA
MONEY?



TAKA.

DON'T
HAVE IT,
ALBY?
SAY,
GUESS
NOT...
BUGLE



DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE
GOING TO HIT
US UP FOR
CASH, TOO!

THERE'S
NOTHING WE
CAN DO!



I GUESS
OUR ONLY
SATISFACTION...

WE CAME HERE
OF OUR OWN
ACCORD AND
SAVED YOUR
TOWN FROM
CERTAIN
DISASTER.



WHY YOU CONDESCENDING
SON OF A...



IS HAVING
PERFORMED
A CHARITY.



AH!

spuk

WHAT'RE
YOU-?



I'M SURE
THERE ARE
STILL OTHER
WAYS YOUR
TOWN COULD
SHOW ITS
THANKS.

I
KNOW
I



AAUGH!
WHAT
THE HELL
DID YOU
DO?!

OH, HOW
YOU'RE IN IT
IF THEY SLIP
EVEN A
THOUSANDTH
OF A
MILLIMETER,
YOU'LL LOSE
YOUR EIGHT.

HUH
?!

ACTUALLY,
THAT'S
NOT A BAD
IDEA.

WHAT?!

TAMRA
KNOWS
WHAT I'M
SAYIN'.

NO
WAY!

YOU
GUYS ARE
SO CLUMSY!

point

HOW
'BOUT A
FEAST?







IT LOOKS LIKE
EVERYTHING'S
BEEN SET UP
JUST FOR ME.

A
GENERATOR,
TANK,
RESPIGATION...
IT'S ALL
HERE



RIGHT?



WOULDN'T
YOU SAY
SO,
PUFFYT



WHAT'S
THE DEAL
WITH THIS
ONIT



STRANGE

USUALLY
TO STOP A
DEMON, IT
ONLY TAKES
ONE NEEDLE.

FIVE
SHOULD BE
ENOUGH TO
SURVIVE
EVEN THE
STRONGEST
MONSTERS.



I EVEN
ENDED UP
HAVING TO
USE THIS.

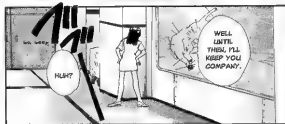


IT
TOOK HIM
NEEDLES
TO STOP
HIM.



WONDER
WHEN HE'LL
BE BACK,
TOMORROW,
MAYBE?

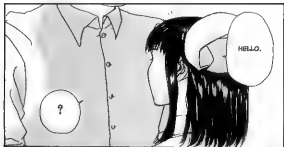
LOOKS LIKE
THE DOCTOR
WAS ABLE
TO CLOSE
UP THE
PASSAGES.



HUH?

WELL
UNTIL
THEN, I'LL
KEEP YOU
COMPANY.











YOU'RE NOT
SCARED OF
GIRLS, ARE
YOU?

IS THIS THE
SAME GUY WHO
PUT OUT THAT
DEVIL DOG'S
EYE?

SH-
SHUT
UP!



GO
AWAY!

YEAH!
H!

NO.



SHAP



YOU
AREN'T
ALLERGIC
TO WOMEN.
ARE YOU?
OR COULD
IT BE...



I WAS
ONLY
JOKING
AROUND
WITH YOU.
Sighs



SH-SHUT
UP! DON'T
YOU DARE
SPEAK BL
OF MRS.
FUJIO!!

WELL
YOU ARE
AWFULLY
DEVOTED
TO YOUR
MISTRESS.



OKAY,
OKAY!
I UNDER-
STAND!!



LEAVE
ME
ALONE!





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NO. 04

Seten Genji

Beginning in the Heian Period (794-1185), Japan's emperors bestowed the name *Minamoto* upon any of their sons who were not in the line of succession. This practice was adopted as a means to avoid rivalries for the throne. The clans that eventually developed from the descendants of these emperors were known as *Genji*. Thus, the *Seten Genji* are descendants of Emperor Seten. Among the most famous of this clan is Minamoto Yoritomo, who established the Kamakura Bakufu, ushering in the feudal era of Japan.

NO. 05

Mudra

The *mudra* or hand positions of the Buddha hold certain meanings, as Doctor Taima points out. In Buddhist scripture, *mudras* are a simple yet meaningful way to symbolize certain deities or divine powers without using words. They may also be used in spiritual practice or meditation.

NO. 06

Dakota Job ain't

In Japanese prose, certain words written in difficult or unusual *kana* often have the pronunciation written alongside them. Occasionally, authors will provide *alternate* pronunciations alongside complex *kana* compounds as a way to define a made-up term, or to add certain other nuances. Author Hideoaki Kikuchi already uses this grammatical feature to create a rather amusing pun on this page. Though in translation, Mr. Whateley says to call him, "Odd Job," the Japanese literally says, "So I'm *otokonyogakari*," (with "job" written alongside, instead of the actual pronunciation). *Otokonyogakari* means something along the lines of errand boy, golfer, or... you guessed it, odd job. I chose this latter translation, hoping to preserve the feel of the Japanese dialogue by fleshing out the pun on *job* and *job*.

NO. 07

Evil words!

On page 174, when Taima states his name and occupation, for the latter he says *harishi* (*small mixer*), which *Ayaka* "mishears" as, *pasukari* (*errand boy, golfer, or pushover*, but more derogatory than the previously mentioned *otokonyogakari*). In Japanese, *pasukari* seems to sound about as close to *harishi* as *evil* sounds to *smaller* in English. However, if you'd like a couple of alternatives for *Ayaka*'s response here about, "Master of 'Words,'" or even closer to the original text, "Master Mental"? No beating, please!

NO. 08

Neotraditional

The original text referenced Aiko Gibo, a Japanese psychic and paranormal researcher famous for her writings (and who made many TV appearances from the 70s through the 90s). One of Gibo's books, *Anata no Shogunrei*, has been translated into English, under the title, *Finding Your Guardian Spirit: The Secrets of Life After Death Revealed by Japan's Foremost Psychic*, by Birnie McKee.

NO. 09

Kansai

Kansai is a region in western Japan, rich in its own culture and history. Three of Japan's largest cities—Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe—are located here, in relatively close proximity to one another. A favorite topic of discussion among Japanese is how people from Kansai differ in manner, language and even dress from those in Kanto (the eastern region, where Tokyo is located).

NOTE

Some background

Tamashii is influenced heavily by the works of H.P. Lovecraft. Besides using the fictional Dunwich, Massachusetts as a setting, and introducing one of Togo-Sobue's (and Larissa Whateley's) monstrous sons as a villain, author Hideoaki Kikuchi has scattered several Lovecraftian references throughout this volume. These are mostly explained over the course of the story, but if you're interested in some great sci-fi/horror reading, it is highly recommended you pick up a collection of H.P. Lovecraft's works. On that note, the most relevant story from among those would probably be *The Dunwich Horror* (for more background on Wilbur Whateley and his brother's), while *The Call of Cthulhu*, *The Shadow Over Innsmouth*, and others will give a better idea of the Great Old Ones and the nature of their evil.

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